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SUBJECT: CODEL HAMILTON

REF; TEL AVIV 4582, CAIRO 10385

- 1. FOR TEL AVIV AND JERUSALEM: DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED PROPOSED ISRAEL PROGRAM WITH AMBASSADOR LEWIS AND CODEL MEMBERS WHO AGREE WITH PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6.
- 2. WITH CONCURRENCE AMB LEWIS, CODEL SUGGESTS, IN SPITE OF MUSLEM SABBATH, GAZA VISIT COULD BE SHIFTED TO FRIDAY. THIS WOULD PERMIT FRIDAY, JULY 8 PROGRAM: MORNING TRIP TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TEL AVIV, IDF BRIEFING IN TEL AVIV, THEN TO GAZA AND KIBBUTZ WITH RETURN TO TEL AVIV FRIDAY AFTERNOON FOR SWIM AND SUPPER AT EMBASSY. CODEL HAD ASSUMED THAT GOI WOULD WISH PROVIDE TRANSPORT TO SFM BY AIR. IF THIS NOT THE CASE, CODEL WILL TRY SCHEDULE SFM VISIT FROM CAIRO.

3. THURSDAY, JULY 7 WOULD THEN BE DEVOTED TO MORNING

MEETINGS WITH GOI OFFICIALS, LUNCHEON WITH WEST BANK OFFICIALS AT CONGEN AND AFTERNOON SCHEDULED FOR BETHLEHEM AND 3 TO 4 HOUR TOUR OF OLD JERUSALEM. APPRECIATE CONGEN OFFER OF GUIDE.

- 4. CODEL AGREES THAT SMALL AIR-CONDITIONED BUS WOULD BE BEST FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION.
- 5. FOR CAIRO: CODEL WISHES TO CANCEL VISIT TO LUXOR. LEGISLATION COMING UP ON FLOOR MAY REQUIRE CODEL TO DEPART CAIRO LATE AFTERNOON OF JULY 13 BUT THIS WILL NOT BE KNOWN FOR SEVERAL DAYS. IF CODEL MUST DEPART JULY 13 FOLLOWING WOULD BE PROGRAM DESIRED: JULY 11 - ARRIVE CAIRO EARLY AFTERNOON FROM AMMAN AND PROCEED TO HOTEL. ORIEFING WITH AMBASSADOR AND STAFF. VISIT TO PYRAMIDS. INFORMAL DINNERS AT HOMES OF EMBASSY OFFICERS. JULY 12 -0800 DEPART CAIRO BY TRAIN FOR ALEXANDRIA. MEETINGS IN ALEXANDRIA WITH SADAT AND PRESUMABLY FAHMY AND OTHER EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS WHO MAY BE THERE. IN ABSENCE KAISSOUNI, CODEL HOPES CAN MEET ARTICULATE SPOKESMAN ON EGYPT ECON-OMY. AFTERNOON RETURN TO CAIRO BY TRAIN. 1700 TO 2000 VISIT TO SOUK, EVENING FREE. JULY 13-EARLY MORNING DEPART FOR VISIT TO SUEZ AND POSSIBLY TO SFM (SEE PARA 2 ABOVE). RETURN TO CAIRO FOR DEPARTURE. IF CODEL IS ABLE TO STAY UNTIL JULY 14 VISIT TO SOUK COULD BE EITHER LATE AFTERNOON/EVENING OF JULY 12 OR 13 GIVING ADDITIONAL TIME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR MEETINGS WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS.

6. FOR DAMASCUS AND AMMAN: CONGRESSMAN OBEY HOPES THAT SOME OF THE PEOPLE HE MET DURING AUGUST 1975 VISIT CAN BE INCLUDED IN FUNCTIONS GIVEN AS APPROPRIATE. IN DAMASCUS, OBEY WOULD SPECIFICALLY LIKE TO AGAIN SEE MINISTER OF ECONOMY IMADI. CHRISTOPHER

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